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Mr. David C. Bowen, Hazardous Waste Remediation Bureau  
Ms Mary Clairmont, Water Division  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95  
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Re: ***Change of Use of Water Supply Wells at  
Johnson & Johnston Associates, Inc.  
130 Route 111  
Hampstead, NH 03841  
NHDES# 200001038***

Cc: John Feoli, Bill Staib, Joe Jammallo (Cushing & Jammallo, Inc.), Jim Cronmiller (Gould)

Dear Mr. Bowen & Ms Clairmont:

We are forwarding this letter to you as a follow-up to our telephone conversations of February 20, 2002. As you may be aware, groundwater quality data gathered to date as part of our ongoing Site Investigation testing program, conducted in accordance with the approval of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), has revealed that two of our three supply wells (Supply Well #1 and Supply Well #2) contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Supply Well #1 is presently used for irrigation purposes only and is not connected to our internal water distribution system. Supply Well #2 supplies water to our Operations Building's faucets and showers. However, testing of our newest well, Supply Well #3, which supplies water to our adjacent Warehouse Building faucets and showers, has not revealed detectable levels of VOCs. The testing results for these wells are documented in three reports for our facility that Johnson & Johnston Associates, Inc. (JJA) has submitted to the NHDES. These reports are as follows:

- ◆ "Limited Environmental Site Assessment", Johnson & Johnston Associates, Inc., December 17, 1999, prepared by ATC Associates Inc.
- ◆ "Site Investigation Report" Johnson & Johnston Associates, Inc., December 12, 2000, prepared by Cushing & Jammallo, Inc.; and
- ◆ "Additional Site Investigations" Johnson & Johnston Associates, Inc., January 21, 2002, prepared by Cushing & Jammallo, Inc.

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As part of the work described in the most recent report noted above, VOCs were identified in discharges from the faucets and showers within the Operations Building, which is supplied by Supply Well #2 (please note that JJA has appropriate signage at faucets within the Operations Building indicating that the water is not potable and JJA supplies bottled water to its employees for drinking). According to Task 1 of the August 28, 2001 Scope of Work, approved by the NHDES, a human health risk assessment was to be performed if internal discharges revealed VOCs.

JJA would like to discontinue the use of Supply Well #2 as a source of water to our Operations Building and substitute it with water from Supply Well #3 such that Supply Well #3 would now supply the water to both buildings. This would be done to eliminate the potential risks of exposure to our employees from the VOCs that have been identified in the internal discharges from Supply Well #2. This change would also avoid the need for the Risk Assessment identified in the aforementioned Scope of Work.

Ms Clairmont has offered to assist us in testing the water from Supply Well #3 to verify compliance with the NHDES drinking water quality standards. I have also asked her to help set us up as a compliant Public Non-Community water system.

We further propose connecting Supply Well #2 to the outside irrigation system, and discontinue the use of Well #1 completely. This change would address a minor annoyance in the extent of iron staining of the landscape since Supply Well #2 is treated for iron while Supply Well #1 has no associated treatment system.

Based on the telephone discussion between Joe Jammallo, Bob Bean, and David Bowen of February 20, 2002, we will be scheduling the internal water distribution changes immediately. The irrigation scheme changeover from Supply Well #1 to Supply Well #2, however, is not currently scheduled, but will probably be accomplished later this spring.

If you should have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Bob Bean, QA Manager  
Johnson & Johnston, Associates, Inc.